

Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
and the  
Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council

This Amendment No. 1 modifies the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council (Council) in July 2006 to include the La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle Advisory Committee (LCASSPC) and the Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center (Chamber) in the partnership for protection of cultural resources in the BLM Yuma Field Office planning area.

Section "II. Definitions" is amended as follows:

- A. BLM: The Bureau of Land Management's Yuma Field Office, which has management responsibility for the public land area covered under this MOU.
- B. Council: The Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council (a 501(c)(3) non-profit / non-governmental conservation and community development organization).
- C. LCASSPC: La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle Advisory Committee. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is comprised of 15 indigenous and culturally aware individuals who are dedicated to physically protecting the Blythe Giant Intaglios, other geoglyphs, and several hundred sacred sites that are located along the Colorado River from Needles, California, to Yuma, Arizona.
- D. Chamber: The Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center. Provides information to visitors and the community about the Blythe Intaglios and other important cultural resources in the vicinity of Blythe, California.
- E. MOU signatories: Refers to all agencies and organizations that have a formalized partnership through the July 2006 MOU and associated amendments.

Section "III. Statement of MOU Purpose" is amended as follows:

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will provide a means for the ~~BLM-the Council~~ MOU signatories to work in partnership to enhance cultural resources protection, conservation, and interpretation efforts on BLM lands within the Yuma Field Office's jurisdiction and the Southern Low Desert RC&D area. The purpose of this MOU is to assist the BLM with its responsibilities under Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

The ~~BLM, and the Council~~ MOU signatories agree that all projects conducted under this MOU will be carried out by qualified specialists. Contractors hired for projects must meet

BLM standards. Projects that may be conducted under this MOU include but are not limited to cultural resources survey, archaeological site recordation, National Register of Historic Places nominations, ethnographic studies with interested Native American tribes, design and installation of site protection and interpretation measures, and the production of interpretive materials for the public. All projects will be coordinated with and approved by the BLM.

The BLM and the Council MOU signatories have a common objective of helping to bring about the conservation, development, and wise use of archaeological and historical resources in the southeastern California desert area. Therefore, both the BLM and the Council the MOU signatories deem this effort of mutual benefit to both parties. We hereby agree as follows:

A. The Council agrees to:

1. Work cooperatively with BLM to coordinate and facilitate the development of plans for the conservation, protection, and interpretation of desert resources. Specifically, the Council agrees to diligently work towards the immediate and future protection of cultural resources, including the Blythe Intaglios, for the public good.
2. Assist with any environmental documents deemed necessary for the completion of joint projects within the mutual boundary of the Council and BLM.
3. Provide a public outreach program to encourage and promote active public participation in the protection of desert resources.
4. Assist in the solicitation of funds from outside organizations and agencies to complete agreed upon projects or work items within the mutual boundaries of the BLM and the Council.

B. LCASSPC agrees to:

1. Work cooperatively with BLM to coordinate and facilitate the development of plans for the conservation, protection, and interpretation of desert resources and sacred sites. Specifically, LCASSPC agrees to diligently work toward the immediate and future protection of cultural resources, including the Blythe Intaglios, for the good of the future generations and the public good.
2. Assist with any environmental documents deemed necessary for the completion of joint projects.
3. Provide a public outreach program to encourage and promote active public participation in the protection of desert resources.
4. Assist in the solicitation of funds from outside organizations and agencies to complete agreed upon projects or work items.

C. The Chamber agrees to:

1. Work cooperatively with BLM to coordinate and facilitate the development of plans for the conservation, protection, and interpretation of desert resources. Specifically, the Chamber agrees to diligently work toward the immediate and future protection of cultural resources, including the Blythe Intaglios, for the public good.
2. Provide a public outreach program to encourage and promote active public participation in the protection of desert resources.
3. Assist in the solicitation of funds from outside organizations and agencies to complete agreed upon projects or work items.

D. BLM agrees to:

- ~~1. Work cooperatively with the Council on projects of mutual benefit to BLM and the Council the MOU signatories.~~
- ~~2. Provide technical and planning assistance for projects of mutual benefit to the BLM and the Council MOU signatories.~~
- ~~3. Initiate any environmental assessment documents deemed necessary for the completion of any agreed upon joint projects within the mutual boundaries of the BLM and the Council.~~
4. Assist with the preparation of statements of work and hiring of contractors to complete the agreed upon projects.
5. Cooperate and assist (when appropriate) with seeking funds to complete agreed upon joint projects.

Section "IV. Terms of the MOU" is amended as follows:

A. ~~The following individuals are designated as the liaison between the BLM and the Council MOU signatories.~~

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- B. Nothing herein is intended to conflict with existing BLM, Department of the Interior orders, or Council directives. If any terms or conditions of this MOU are inconsistent with existing BLM orders or Council directives, those portions of this MOU are invalid.

By signing below, the partners show their agreement to MOU Amendment No. 1 as described in this document.

Thomas Burgin, President of the Southern Low Desert Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Signed: Thomas Burgin

Date MAR 6, 2008

Alfredo Figueroa, La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle Advisory Committee.

Signed: Alfredo Figueroa

Date Feb. 15, 2008

Jim Shipley, Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourist Information Center.

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Date March 14, 2008